

## INTERNATIONAL CLUB IN MONEY WRANGLE

One Faction of Sporting  
Organization Insists It  
Is Bankrupt.

\$1,100,000 "IN SIEVE"

Only Tangible Piece of  
Property Is Heavily Mort-  
gaged Clubhouse Site.

LEADERS NEAR BLOWS

400 Members Hold Long and  
Heated Session, Exchang-  
ing Bitter Charges.

Whether the International Sporting Club, Inc., and its subsidiaries are hopelessly insolvent or possess assets that outweigh their obligation and make their continuance possible is a question that can be decided only by the 400 members who sat in the grand ballroom of the Commodore for nearly six hours last and early this morning listening to a wrangle over the club's finances which at times nearly led to blows.

The meeting, called to hear the report of an investigation committee appointed to examine into the club's financial condition, found itself hopelessly divided on the question of whether a condition of solvency or insolvency prevailed. Gutson Borgum, the sculptor, who has been president of the club since W. A. J. Gavin, the organizer, sailed for England, led what might be called the conservative faction or those willing to stretch every point to keep the club alive. The radicals, or those who would declare a condition of bankruptcy, liquidate what assets the club possesses and make the best of what they termed "a bad deal" were headed by Frank A. J. Borland, a lawyer.

Upon one thing at least both sides seem to agree, and that was that Mr. Gavin was largely responsible for the club's condition. Mr. Borland condemned Gavin, while Mr. Borgum said the organizer erred in not having taken the club members into his confidence. Those conflicting opinions led to the fireworks, in which invectives were used and which finally wound up with Mr. Borland's right to practice law being questioned.

Insists Club Is Bankrupt.

Both Mr. Borland and Mr. Borgum had had audits made of the books of the club and its subsidiaries. Mr. Borland claimed his audit showed the club was hopelessly bankrupt and that the members had poured \$1,100,000 into a sieve. Mr. Borgum held the contrary. Both admitted the only tangible asset the club had is a piece of property in Lexington avenue, between Forty-eighth and Forty-ninth streets, which was to have been the site for a clubhouse. Upward of \$800,000 was sunk in this ground, the audits showed, and the mortgages on it at present total \$425,000. The second mortgage is threatening foreclosure and Mr. Borland claimed the property would hardly pay the mortgage if sold under the hammer. Mr. Borgum pleaded that the property he held, saying he had estimates of its value as high as \$500,000. The first break of the evening came when Mr. Borland read a resolution

## Aid for Soldiers 'Dying on Arizona's Deserts'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Told by Senator Ashurst (Ariz.), Democrat, that hundreds of former service men were "dying of tuberculosis on the deserts of Arizona," where they went seeking a cure for disabilities resulting from gas attacks of the Germans, the Senate tonight voted an appropriation of a million dollars for additional hospitalization. The funds, which are carried in the first deficiency bill passed by the Senate, would be expended by the Veterans' bureau.

which he said the directors of the International Sporting Club Corporation, a subsidiary and yet holding company of the club, adopted in May, 1920, giving Gavin the right to expend money freely and asking no accounting other than it had been expended for "executive disbursements." The lawyer said Mr. Borgum and three other men present at the meeting were directors when the resolution was passed.

**Borgum Denounces Report.**  
Several attempts were made to interrupt the reading of the report but they were prevented purely by the weight of the chairman's gavel and the strength of his voice. Mr. Borland tried several times to elaborate upon the written report but on each occasion one or more members demanded he stick to the report. The lawyer said Major A. J. Drexel Biddle, who was president and a director of the club, submitted resignations twice and on each occasion withdrew them a day or two later. He referred to Major Biddle as "Biddle Class Tony," and accused him of having failed to tell the club members the true financial condition when he finally resigned in May, 1920. "If Tony had told us the true condition," he said, "we at least could have prevented another \$136,000 going through the sieve."

Mr. Borgum characterized the committee's report "a sham and pure camouflage." He denied the insolvency and said there was a sinister movement on foot to wreck what little was left of the club that it had taken three years to build. The sculptor said Mr. Gavin expended \$18,000 of his own money the first year to finance the club, and that his drafts the second and third years did not exceed \$75,000. This amount he did not consider excessive in view of the problem involved. Turning to Mr. Borland the sculptor said:

"You can call me a liar as many times as you like, Mr. Borland, but you will find me here to the end paying every dollar out of my art that I can to keep this club alive."

The climax came at 1:30 A. M. after a resolution had been adopted appointing a committee to handle the interests of the club members. Mr. Borland and Mr. Borgum had been the contending speakers and had passed hot words when Jack Cooper, who had been the club's matchmaker, questioned the lawyer's professional status.

**G. O. P. KEEPS MAYORS  
IN THREE MAINE CITIES**

Notable Victory Shown in Re-  
turns From Westbrook.

BANGOR, Me., Dec. 12.—Republicans retained the mayoralty in three Maine cities which elected municipal officers to-day.

In Bangor, Albert R. Day, Republican, was elected Mayor by a majority of 1,480, over Marcellus E. Strout, Democrat.

A majority of 1,076, the largest ever given to a candidate for Mayor in Westbrook, gave to Mayor John Lawrenson, Republican, reelection over Edwin I. Brown, Democrat.

Fred B. Spear, Republican, was elected without opposition in Eastport. Miss Winifred Taylor, Republican, candidate for Alderman in Bangor, lost to Alderman John H. Magee, Democrat, by a margin of 56 votes.

## GARMENT WORKERS' INJUNCTION ARGUED

Samuel Untermyer Holds That  
Agreement of June, 1919,  
Is Not Abrogated.

Following argument yesterday upon whether the injunction granted on November 29 to the International Ladies' Garment Workers, restraining the Cloak, Suit and Skirt Manufacturers' Association from establishing the piece work system and a longer work week, should be vacated or made permanent, Justice Wagner in the Supreme Court reserved decision and granted counsel until next Wednesday to submit briefs.

The language of the injunction restrains the members of the association "from combining or conspiring with any person to order, direct, counsel, or advise, other members to cease performing or to violate an agreement entered into between the association and the union in June, 1919, fixing wages and hours of work, and practically the whole argument in court yesterday dealt with whether this agreement was still enforceable.

Samuel Untermyer, representing the union, insisted that neither the international union nor any of the locals had broken it to an extent that would amount to an abrogation. Max D. Stener, for the manufacturers, insisted as stoutly that it had ceased to be of binding force as a working agreement since October, 1920.

**ROY GARDNER GUILTY;  
GETS 25 YEARS MORE**

Pleads to Arizona Mail Rob-  
bery; Clerk to Get \$5,000.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 12.—Withdrawing the plea of "not guilty by reason of insanity," Roy Gardner, twice convicted of mail robberies, pleaded guilty to-day in the United States Court here to another charge of having attempted to rob a mail car and received his third sentence of twenty-five years in a Federal penitentiary.

Gardner now has been sentenced to serve a total of seventy-five years in Federal prisons.

Gardner was captured here by Herman P. Underhill, clerk in charge of a car which Gardner tried to rob.

At first the Department of Justice ordered that Gardner be taken to Leavenworth to serve the sentences already imposed on him without further trial. When it was found, however, that this would prevent the payment of a reward of \$5,000 to Underhill it was ordered that Gardner be tried here.

Gardner escaped from the Federal prison at McNeil Island, Wash., on September 5, when a prison baseball game was being played there. He was to have served two sentences of twenty-five years each on charges of robbing the mails.

**WIFE DECLARES SHE  
WAS VIRTUALLY SLAVE**

Court Reserves Decision in  
Mrs. Solomon's Case.

Mrs. Mary A. E. Solomon, of 517 Sixty-eighth street, Brooklyn, who is suing George A. Solomon, one of the owners of the Consolidated Brokers, Inc., at 133 Reade street, Manhattan, for separation, declared in an affidavit filed yesterday in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, that her husband's unusual ideas of a woman's place in married life had much to do with the present situation.

Both she and he were born in Syria. It was his idea, said Mrs. Solomon, that a wife was practically a slave. She did not agree with him that she should remain at home, with little pleasure and no company whatsoever, or that she should obtain his permission when she wished to go out. Yet, she said, when she broke one of her husband's rules he beat her.

Justice Dike reserved decision on Mrs. Solomon's application for \$100 a week alimony pending trial of her suit.

## NOT TO PROSECUTE IN CRONKHITE CASE

County Official Announces  
Action in Alleged Killing  
of Army Major.

TACOMA, Dec. 12.—James W. Selden, prosecuting attorney of Pierce county, announced to-day he would not initiate prosecution as a result of the killing at Camp Lewis in October, 1918, of Major Alexander P. Cronkhite.

The prosecutor is preparing a statement of the result of his investigation. Copies will be sent to Major Gen. Adelbert Cronkhite, New York, father of the dead officer, and to Capt. Robert Rosenbluth, New York, arrested by Federal authorities on a charge of having slain Major Cronkhite after Sergeant Roland R. Potlter made a purported confession in which he declared he shot Major Cronkhite at the instigation of Capt. Rosenbluth. Potlter retracted this statement and Capt. Rosenbluth was released.

Mr. Selden's announcement was made in a public statement and officials of Pierce county accepted it as an exoneration of Capt. Rosenbluth.

At the time of Major Cronkhite's death a military board of inquiry at Camp Lewis found that his death resulted from an accidental self-inflicted wound caused by shooting himself in the right breast with a pistol during target practice. The finding of this board of inquiry was not questioned until Potlter made his so-called confession more than two years later.

Following receipt of news from Tacoma that Prosecutor James W. Selden would not prosecute him on charges of killing Major Alexander P. Cronkhite at Camp Lewis in October, 1918, Capt. Robert Rosenbluth last night announced he would demand an investigation of the machinery of the Department of Justice.

"I shall ask," he said, "and I hope all justice loving Americans will join me in asking, a complete and impartial investigation as to how the machinery of the Department of Justice can be so grossly perverted, first to wrong a citizen of our country and then to prevent, insofar as it can, the righting of that wrong."

Prosecutor Selden's inaction and courageous expression of the broad duties of prosecutors to "help undo the wrong" is a direct challenge to Attorney General Daugherty to invite such a sweeping and impartial investigation, preferably by Congress. Thus and thus only can he hope to restore the confidence of our people in the Department of Justice which he heads.

Capt. Rosenbluth said the prosecutor's offer to "help undo the wrong" was contained in a letter received by him from Mr. Selden.

**GIRL, 7, SHOTS INFANT  
SISTER WHILE AT PLAY**

Marie Albertino, 7, found a revolver yesterday afternoon in a closet in her home at 310 East Thirty-fourth street, and while she was playing with it in the living room it was discharged.

The bullet struck her sister, Annette, 2, in the right eye. Marie went into the street and told a neighbor, and Patrolman Johnson was summoned. He sent the injured child to Bellevue Hospital, where it was said she probably would die.

Marie was taken to the East Thirty-fifth street police station, and after three hours' questioning by the detectives admitted that she had accidentally shot her sister. She will be taken to the Children's Court this morning. Her father, Angelo Albertino, and her mother, Mrs. Mary Albertino, were not at home when the little girl found the revolver.

## TEACHINGS OF CHRIST TO RULE FOUNDRY

Platform Adopted by Board  
of Directors.

ATLANTA, Dec. 12.—John J. Egan of this city, a philanthropist and church worker, has been elected president of the American Cast Iron Pipe Company of Birmingham by the directors on a platform providing that "the teachings of Jesus Christ are to be the ruling principles of the business," it was learned to-day.

Mr. Egan, who has many business interests here, has been connected with the Birmingham concern in an executive capacity since its organization in 1906 and is one of the principal stockholders. During the war he was vice-president and later chairman of the Commission on Training Camp Activities of the Navy, with headquarters in Washington, and chairman of the Southwestern Division of the National War Work Council of the Y. M. C. A.

To inquirers to-day he said the Birmingham concern planned to put into practice Christian teachings in its dealings with its employees and the house. He will take office as president January 1.

**KLUX KLALIFF OFFERS  
REWARD IN RAU CASE**

Cannot Believe Klansmen Re-  
sponsible for Assault.

Edward Y. Clarke, Imperial Klaff of the Ku Klux Klan, last night offered a reward of \$1,000 for the conviction of any person guilty of an assault upon G. A. Rau, ex-Ku Kluxer, saying he could not believe any member of the Klan responsible, "as the Klan does not commit crime." He invited Capt. Rau to submit to an examination to determine the nature of his injuries, if any.

Capt. Rau, who returned to the Hotel Buckingham Sunday night after being reported missing, said he had shown his injuries to a policeman of the Missing Persons Bureau, and that he did not accuse the Klan, as he had no evidence it was implicated. He said he had no private enemies, however, and he was assaulted near a Klan stronghold.

Capt. Rau, who withdrew from the Klan Thursday night, just prior to the alleged disappearance, "with nothing against his honor and with the good will of the Klan."

**COSTS MONEY TO KEEP  
HIRSHFIELD FREE MAN**

One \$7,500 Lawyer Bill Is  
O. K.'d; Others Coming.

"How much is it going to cost us the next four years to keep you out of jail," remarked Borough President Steigelmeyer of Brooklyn to David Hirschfeld, Commissioner of Accounts, yesterday after the committee on finance and budget of the Board of Estimate had passed a bill of \$7,500 for defending Hirschfeld against a charge of criminal libel.

"Cheer up, there are more bills coming along," replied the Commissioner; and he was right.

The bill provided for yesterday was that of W. M. K. O'Leary, counsel for Mr. Hirschfeld when he was indicted for criminal libel for making a statement about Assistant District Attorney James E. Smith in regard to the work of the Alms House Grand Jury. The indictment was dismissed.

Mr. O'Leary accompanied Commissioner Hirschfeld to the Washington Heights Court yesterday, where a hearing was held by Magistrate Marsh on the charge of criminal libel against the Commissioner.

John P. Leo that Hirschfeld had given false information to the press, which is a violation of the penal law. The Magistrate announced he would decide on December 19 whether a complaint would be entertained.

## WALES BOYCOTTED IN NORTHERN INDIA

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leader, having done "penance" for the Bombay rioting, has written to the Young India Society urging redoubled efforts for the annual All India Congress at Amadabad in Christmas week. He says:

"The non-cooperative movement must succeed. While we must not avoid arrest, we must not provoke it by unnecessary offence. We must hold the Congress at any cost, in spite of the arrest of every leader, unless the Government dissolves the Congress by force."

**Government Upbraided.**

CALCUTTA, India, Dec. 12.—Four prominent native members of the Imperial Legislative Assembly have issued a statement relative to the grave political situation. While deploring the excesses committed as a result of the present unrest, the statement declares:

"The repressive policy inaugurated by the Government is utterly futile. It may produce outward calm temporarily, but the forces of unrest are bound to reappear in a new, aggravated form."

They urge both sides to call a halt to prevent "a course of action which if persisted in will produce anarchy and disaster." The Government is advised to formulate a constructive policy, recognizing the amazingly rapid changes occurring in India, and call a round table conference of leaders of all shades of political thought.

**BALD HEADED MEN  
DEFEND RESTORER**

Witnesses With Barren  
Domes Show Effect of Tonic.

A haring of bald heads and boasts of incipient growth of hair was the manner in which evidence was presented yesterday before Magistrate Alexander Hough in Municipal Term Court by the firm of Jules Ferond, Inc., 126 West Twenty-third street, defendant in an action brought by the city on a charge of violation of the sanitary code.

Attorney for the firm, which sells a hair restorer which is advertised to "grow hair on any bald head within a reasonable time," called eight or ten witnesses, all bald or nearly bald headed men. All eagerly defended the tonic they had purchased from the concern. One of them, a man of fifty, and as bald as a billiard ball, told the court he had tried the tonic because he had "a wife who wanted him to have hair on the top of his head."

The concern was brought into court on a complaint of Walter C. Ridley, inspector in the Department of Health. Dr. S. Dana Hubbard, a skin expert, testified for the city that from his experience no remedy was known to the medical science which would restore hair to an entirely bald head. The prosecution was directed by William J. Leonard, assistant corporation counsel for the city. Trial was continued until Friday morning.

**SEIZED IN BLACKMAIL PLOT.**

BUFFALO, Dec. 12.—Alleged attempts to blackmail Cleveland, Detroit and Chicago business men resulted in the arrest here to-day of Fred A. Harskie when he called at the post office and received a decoy letter.

Jacob Kline, a merchant of Cleveland, complained to the police of Harskie's alleged demands and threats.

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